



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7108

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING AUTISM AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES AND ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-247b of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (NEW) (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this
4 section, the Commissioner of Developmental Services shall file a report
5 not later than January 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, identifying (1)
6 the number of abuse and neglect complaints against former employees
7 received in the previous calendar year, (2) the disposition of such
8 complaints, and (3) any backlog of investigations relating to such
9 complaints. The commissioner shall post the report on the department's
10 Internet web site and file the report, in accordance with the provisions
11 of section 11-4a, with the joint standing committees of the General
12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
13 public health.

14 Sec. 2. Section 17a-247f of the general statutes is amended by adding
15 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

16 (NEW) (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this
17 section, the Commissioner of Developmental Services shall file a report
18 not later than January 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, identifying (1)
19 the number of abuse and neglect complaints received and investigated

20 pursuant to this section in the previous calendar year, (2) the number of
21 complaints that were investigated by a contracted provider and the
22 number of complaints investigated by the Department of
23 Developmental Services and the dispositions of complaints investigated
24 by a contracted provider and the department in each category of
25 complaint investigations, (3) the median length of time for completion
26 of the investigations, (4) the number of programmatic neglect findings
27 arising from the abuse or neglect investigations, (5) the number of
28 investigations that led to a directive for corrective action, (6) the steps
29 the department took to address programmatic neglect findings and
30 ensure corrective actions were implemented, (7) the percentage of cases
31 in which a directive for corrective action was issued and the department
32 revisited the provider to review implementation of the corrective action
33 categorized by department response times of (A) not more than thirty
34 days, (B) not more than sixty days, and (C) in excess of sixty days from
35 the date the corrective action directive was issued, (8) the processes and
36 timelines by which guardians and parents of individuals with
37 disabilities were informed of the results of investigations and directives
38 for corrective action, and (9) any backlog of investigations relating to
39 such complaints. The commissioner shall post the report on the
40 department's Internet web site and file the report, in accordance with
41 the provisions of section 11-4a, with the joint standing committees of the
42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
43 services and public health.

44 Sec. 3. Section 46a-11c of the general statutes is amended by adding
45 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

46 (NEW) (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of this
47 section, the Commissioner of Developmental Services shall file a report
48 not later than January 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, identifying (1)
49 the number of abuse and neglect complaints received and investigated
50 pursuant to this section in the previous calendar year, including deaths
51 investigated pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (2) the number of
52 complaints that were investigated by a contracted provider and the
53 number of complaints investigated by the Department of

54 Developmental Services and the dispositions of complaints investigated
55 by a contracted provider and the department in each category of
56 complaint investigations, (3) the median length of time for completion
57 of the investigations, (4) the number of programmatic neglect findings
58 arising from the abuse or neglect investigations, (5) the number of
59 investigations that led to a directive for corrective action, (6) the steps
60 the department took to address programmatic neglect findings and
61 ensure corrective actions were implemented, (7) the percentage of cases
62 in which a directive for corrective action was issued and the department
63 revisited the provider to review implementation of the corrective action
64 categorized by department response times of (A) not more than thirty
65 days, (B) not more than sixty days, and (C) in excess of sixty days from
66 the date the corrective action directive was issued, (8) the processes and
67 timelines by which guardians and parents of individuals with
68 disabilities were informed of the results of investigations and directives
69 for corrective action, and (9) any backlog of investigations relating to
70 such complaints. The commissioner shall post the report on the
71 department's Internet web site and file the report, in accordance with
72 the provisions of section 11-4a, with the joint standing committees of the
73 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
74 services and public health.

75 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than September 30, 2025,
76 and quarterly thereafter, the Commissioner of Developmental Services
77 shall file a report describing (1) progress in expending funds
78 appropriated for programs administered by the Department of
79 Developmental Services, (2) what services they were spent on, (3)
80 whether lapsed funds are anticipated at the end of the fiscal year ending
81 on June thirtieth, (4) if applicable, reasons appropriated funds were not
82 expended, and (5) waiting lists for services provided by the department
83 for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The
84 commissioner shall file the report, in accordance with the provisions of
85 section 11-4a of the general statutes, with the joint standing committees
86 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
87 human services and public health and post the report on the Internet

88 web site of the Department of Developmental Services.

89 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The joint standing committees of
 90 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
 91 health, human services and appropriations and the budgets of state
 92 agencies shall annually hold a joint informational hearing to review the
 93 status of efforts by the Department of Developmental Services and the
 94 Department of Social Services to ensure the safety and quality of care
 95 for individuals with intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder or
 96 another developmental disability receiving services funded by federal
 97 Medicaid waiver programs. The hearings shall address matters
 98 including, but not limited to, how the agencies are addressing audit
 99 findings and recommendations made by the Office of the Inspector
 100 General for the United States Department of Health and Human
 101 Services and the state Auditors of Public Accounts concerning
 102 prevention, timely reporting and corrective action related to complaints
 103 of abuse and neglect of such individuals.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17a-247b(h)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	17a-247f(c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	46a-11c(f)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 4(5), "for persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities" was added for clarity, and in Section 5, "disabilities" was changed to "intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder or another developmental disability" for clarity.

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*